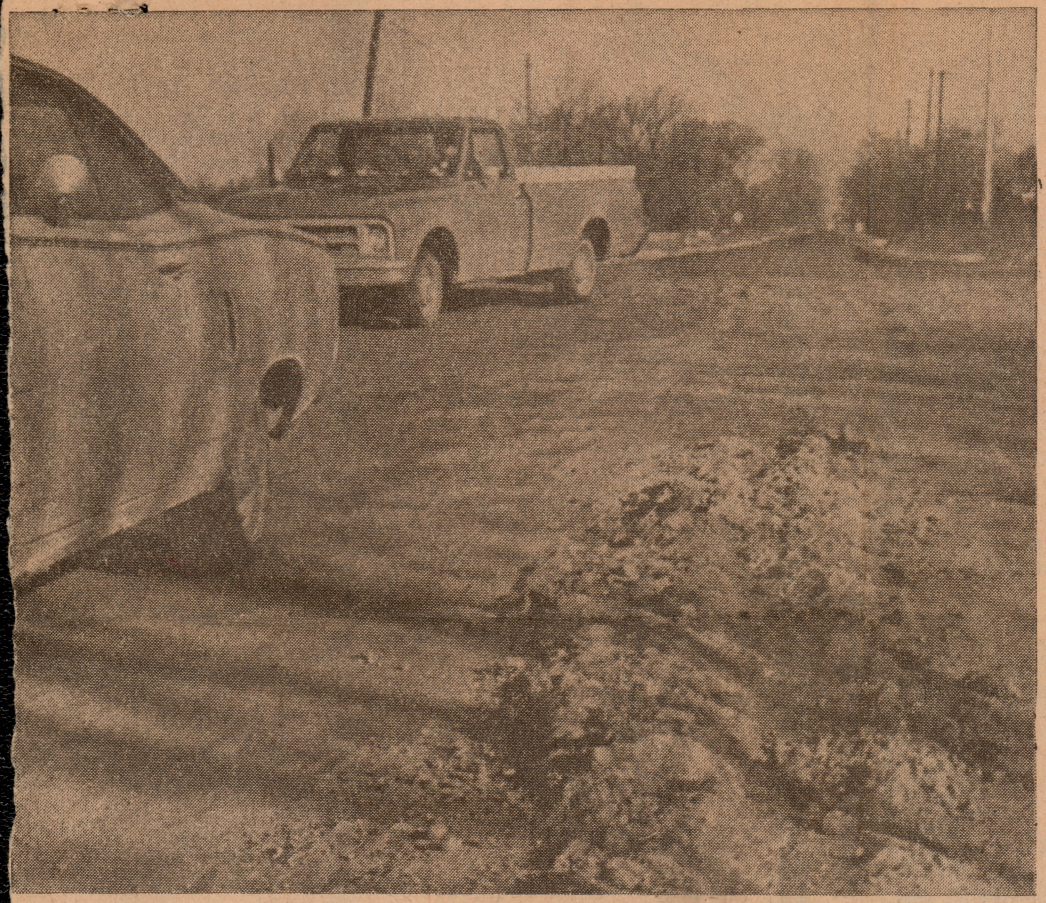

Near-zero temperatures, which have pretty much prevailed in this area since the start of the year has frozen over the section of Rawsonville Rd. between Willis and Willow Rds., leaving the road rough but passable. But, claim motorists who use the road frequently, things will get much worse as soon as the weather warms. Then, they say the road will become a quagmire. Even now the dirt road is marred by deep ruts, such as the one at the lower right, which makes driving difficult.—Press Photo

Rawsonville Road Residents complain

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Residents along Rawsonville Rd. in Augusta Township, who have bitterly complained of the condition of the road between Willis and Willow Rds. got a great deal of sympathy from county officials yesterday.

They also got some hope, but no concrete assurance that the problem which both county supervisors and members of the county road department agree exists can be corrected in the near future.

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During the past week each of the members of the County Board of Supervisors have received letters from residents along the road who angrily complained of its condition and demanded that the county do something about it.

Several supervisors said they had not known of the road condition until they received the letters and some expressed concern and regret at the continued absence of Supervisor Aloysius P. (Ollie) Minick, from board affairs.

Minick, whose 10th District includes Augusta Township, suffered a stroke last April 27 and has been unable to participate in board affairs since then.

Yesterday Supervisor David R. Byrd of Ann Arbor told the Board of Supervisors: "This situation involving the road points up the problem of a district not having actual representation on this board."

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"If Mr. Minick had been able to serve over the last year this situation would have been brought to the board's attention much sooner than it was."

Raymond L. Koch, chairman of the County Board of Road Commissioners, told the Board of Supervisors yesterday that the road department is aware of the problem involving Rawsonville Rd. and he said that conditions were as bad as the residents along the road claimed.

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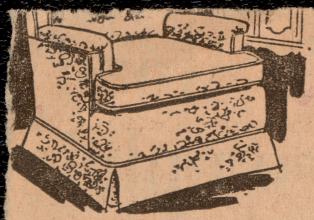

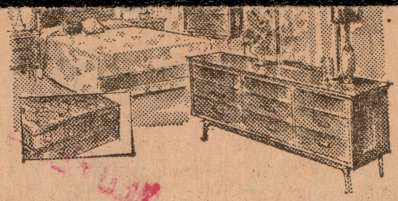

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handcuffs with a hidden knife. He then attacked Crampton and Deputy Harold C. Ewald, driver of the car.

Another prisoner, Hank Rutherford, 18, was wounded by Simpson after coming to the deputy's aid. Ewald was stabbed by Simpson and shot three times by an off-duty Dearborn Heights police officer who came upon the scene and thought Ewald also was an escaping prisoner.

Simpson was being taken back to the Southern Michigan prison at Jackson where he was serving a 20 to 40-year prison term for armed robbery at the time of the escape.

Edmonson Principal Is honored

Terrel LeCesne, principal of Edmonson Elementary School in the Willow Run district, was recently named Inkster Jaycee Man of the Year for 1969.

LeCesne, 30, is a member of the Inkster City Council and has served as past chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals. He is also the founder and president of the David Griffin Homeowners Association.

LeCesne lives at 3723 Burr Rd. with his wife and two children.

Rawsonville Road

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However, Koch said that the county must overcome a number of problems before it can eliminate the problem.

"Our basic problem as far as the road is concerned is that the area has a high water table and drainage is bad. Consequently every spring the road turns into a quagmire and the rest of the year it is in extremely rough condition."

Nothing can be done that will be effective until the drain situation is corrected," he said.

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The road official noted residents of the area have moved to resolve the drain problem by petitioning for the creation of a drainage district. He said that a hearing on the drain request is scheduled for May.

Koch told the supervisors that the problem of Rawsonville Rd. is further complicated by the fact that it is a joint Washtenaw and Wayne County responsibiliity since the road is the dividing line between the two counties.

Normally the two counties would split the cost of road work on Rawsonville on a 50-50 basis. But, Koch told the supervisors, Wayne has said that because of demands on its funds for care of much busier roadways in that county it does not have anything to spare for work on Rawsonville Rd.

Koch emphasized, however, that he finds no reason to be critical of the Wayne County Road Commission which he said has been "very cooperative with us in working out our joint problems." He told the supervisors that Wayne and Washtenaw have spent about $1.5 million in recent years to repair sections of Rawsonville Rd.

The road official told the supervisors that he hopes that a trailer park located on the Wayne side of the road will pick up Wayne County's portion of the road repair cost.

A. Mikoyan arrived in Cuba to open a Soviet exhibition.

Five years ago — France's President Charles de Gaulle called for a return to the gold standard in the international monetary system. The United State rejected the idea.

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games and have been amazed at the crowd these teams draw. Amazed because I attend the freshmen games and see as many as maybe 10 spectators! This is not only away games— this includes the home stand. (Our boys don't enjoy the great record the seventh and eighth graders enjoy — we have only won 1 game. Do you suppose if just half the interest shown at the junior high games was shown at the freshmen games that our boys would play better? These boys are our future JV players. Does anybody care?

I am all for the seventh and eighth graders. I wish them continued success. I only wish that a few people would give a little support to our freshman team. I think we would see a change in our boys if they had some parents and friends cheering them on. Let's give it a try; even if it doesn't make our boys a winning team, it would show them we care.

Mrs. William R. Wilson

Earth spacecrafts

About 800 spacecraft have been fired from the earth into space in the past 11 years